

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] Examiner Zheng Wei and Supervisory Patent Examiner Tuan Dam graciously talked with us—the undersigned representatives for the Applicant—on December 8, 2008 at the U.S. Patent Office. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiners' willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, I discussed how the claims differed from the cited reference, namely Allen. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0005] Examiners Dam and Wei were receptive to the discussion, and indicated that they would initiate an updated search based on the claim amendments when the formal response is submitted.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited references of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.